

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A preformed flower pot cover disposable about a flower pot, the preformed flower pot cover comprising:

a preformed base sized to contain the flower pot, the preformed base having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof for providing access to a pot receiving space, the preformed base having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof, and the decorative pattern formed by applying at least one ink on the preformed base so as to provide the decorative pattern having shaded and highlighted areas whereby the shaded and highlighted areas provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

2. (Original) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 1 wherein the preformed flower pot cover further comprises:

a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

3. (Previously Presented) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 2 wherein the skirt is provided with a decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof, the decorative pattern formed by applying at least one ink to the skirt so as to provide the decorative pattern with shaded and highlighted areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

4. (Currently amended) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 2 wherein the upper end of the preformed base is disposable above the an upper end of the flower pot when the flower pot is disposed in the pot receiving space and wherein the skirt of the preformed flower pot cover is provided with a printed pattern on at least a portion thereof, the printed pattern formed by applying at least one ink to at least a portion of the skirt to provide shaded and highlighted areas whereby the shaded and highlighted areas provide the printed pattern on at least a portion of the skirt with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

5. (Original) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 1 wherein the preformed flower pot cover is formed of at least one sheet of material.

6. (Previously Presented) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 5 wherein the preformed base of the preformed flower pot cover is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

7. (Original) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 6 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

8. (Previously Presented) The preformed flower pot cover of claim 5 wherein the preformed base of the preformed flower pot cover is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

9. (Previously Presented) A flower pot comprising:
a preformed base having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and an opening formed through the upper end thereof for providing access to a receiving space, the preformed base having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof, the two dimensional decorative pattern formed by applying at least

one ink to the outer peripheral surface of the preformed base whereby the decorative pattern is provided with shaded and highlighted areas which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

10. (Original) The flower pot of claim 9 wherein the flower pot further comprises:

a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

11. (Previously Presented) The flower pot of claim 10 wherein the skirt is provided with a two dimensional decorative pattern thereon, the decorative pattern formed by applying at least one ink to at least a portion of the skirt such that shaded and highlighted areas are produced which provide the two dimensional decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

12. (Original) The flower pot of claim 9 wherein the flower pot is formed of at least one sheet of material.

13. (Previously Presented) The flower pot of claim 12 wherein the preformed base of the flower pot is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

14. (Original) The flower pot of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

15. (Previously Presented) The flower pot of claim 12 wherein the preformed base of the flower pot is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

16. (Previously Presented) A plant package, comprising:
a preformed base having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof and providing access to a receiving space, the preformed base having a two dimensional decorative pattern on at least a portion thereof, the two dimensional decorative pattern formed by at least one ink applied to at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the preformed base so as to form shaded and highlighted areas which provide the two dimensional decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality; and

at least one item disposed in the receiving space of the preformed base, wherein the item is selected from the group consisting of a pot, a floral grouping, a plant, a propagule, a botanical item, growing medium, retaining medium, and combinations thereof.

17. (Original) The plant package of claim 16 further comprising a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance from the upper end of the preformed base and terminating with an outer periphery.

18. (Currently amended) The plant package of claim 17 wherein the skirt is provided with a decorative **pattern** having shaded and highlighted areas on at least a portion thereof, the decorative pattern formed by applying at least one ink to at least a portion of the skirt whereby the shaded and highlighted areas are formed which provide the decorative pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

19. (Previously Presented) The plant package of claim 16 wherein the preformed base of the plant package is formed of at least one sheet of material.

20. (Previously Presented) The plant package of claim 19 wherein the preformed base of the plant package is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

21. (Original) The plant package of claim 20 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.

22. (Previously Presented) The plant package of claim 19 wherein the preformed base of the plant package is provided with a plurality of randomly positioned and bondingly connected overlapping folds, and wherein the preformed base is flattenable and unflattenable.

23. (Previously Presented) A flower pot cover disposable about a flower pot, the flower pot cover having a printed pattern thereon including shaded and highlighted areas which provides the printed pattern with a three dimensional appearance, the flower pot cover comprising:

a preformed base sized to contain the flower pot and having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface and a pot opening formed through the upper end thereof for providing access to a pot receiving space; and

a skirt connected to the upper end of the preformed base so as to extend a distance outwardly from the upper end of the base and terminating with an outer periphery, the skirt having the printed pattern on at least a portion thereof wherein the printed pattern is formed by applying at least one ink to the skirt so as to provide the printed pattern with shaded and highlighted areas which provide the printed pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

24. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the flower pot cover is formed from at least one substantially flat sheet of material having the printed pattern including shaded and highlighted areas thereon.

25. (Currently Amended) The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the upper end of the preformed base is disposable above ~~the~~ an upper end of the flower pot when the flower pot is disposed in the pot receiving space and wherein the preformed base of the flower pot cover is provided with a printed pattern thereon, the printed pattern on at least a portion thereof, the printed pattern formed by applying at least one ink to at least a portion of the skirt so as to provide the printed pattern with shaded and highlighted areas which provide the printed pattern with a visual perception of three dimensionality.

26. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 23 wherein the preformed base is provided with a plurality of overlapping folds.

27. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the overlapping folds in the preformed base are bondingly connected.